

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently amended) In a fastener having a drive socket for receiving a key driver, the improvement comprising:

the drive socket having a surface defining a plurality of rounded lobes of substantially equal radius located substantially equidistant from a center of the fastener and substantially equidistant circumferentially from each other;

the drive socket having a corresponding plurality of flat surfaces, each flat surface being located substantially opposite one of the lobes and substantially equidistant from the center of the fastener; and

the drive socket surface defining curved recesses between the round lobes and the flat surfaces.

Claim 21 (Previously presented) The fastener of claim 20, wherein each of the lobes projects inward toward the center of the fastener.

Claim 22 (Previously presented) The fastener of claim 20, wherein the lobes are positioned to provide a first clearance between an apex of each of the lobes and corresponding surfaces on a key driver inserted into the drive socket, and the flat surfaces are positioned to provide a second clearance between the flat surfaces and corresponding surfaces on the key driver.

Claim 23 (Previously presented) The fastener of claim 22, wherein:

the first clearance is approximately 0.04 mm (0.0015 inch); and

the second clearance is approximately 0.10 mm (0.0038 inch).

Claims 24-29 (Cancelled)